

## LIQUOR DEALERS WOULD CLOSE UP HOURS EARLIER

Following Conference of Leaders  
Send Formal Offer to the  
Commissioners

**SALOONS WOULD SHUT AT  
SEVEN O'CLOCK FOR NIGHT**

Hotels and Restaurants With Li-  
censes Would Be Allowed  
One Hour Extra

The handwriting on the wall has become so evident to the liquor interests in Honolulu that they yesterday took the first step towards voluntary restrictions to save a little rather than lose the whole. Led by George J. O'Neill, of Peacock & Co., St. C. Sayre, manager of the Honolulu brewery; P. F. Ryan, of Ryan's bar; W. C. Peacock, of the Criterion saloon; and Manuel Andrade, of the Fashion saloon, the saloon keepers and wholesale liquor dealers of the city yesterday volunteered to close at seven o'clock. The letter addressed to the commissioners reserved the plea that the liquor license commission had no right to make the regulation closing them.

The proposition had a preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon at four o'clock before the military committee of the senate which was attended by representatives of the commission and the liquor interests. The general situation seemed to be that the commission was in favor of the saloons' suggestion, the criticism, if any, coming from the senate committee. Chairman Connelley, acting on the basis that it was the desire of the military authorities to close up the liquor houses effectively in protection of the efficiency of their forces, was doubtful whether the proposal, if carried out, would have that effect.

There is a suspicion that the houses whose names appear on the letter to the commission will not be as unanimous as it appears. The Fashion Grill is one of these. For expression of opinion from Manager John Deter yesterday indicated that he was not ready to close at seven o'clock, as he said he had been requested. He stated that this was the middle of his dinner hour, and that he had held out for eight o'clock, claiming it to be unfair to let the hotels continue later than his cafe.

R. W. Breckons appeared at yesterday's hearing on behalf of the liquor men and the discussion which resulted from his remarks were occasionally acrimoniously tinged so far as it was directed towards the prohibition interests.

Mr. Breckons in speaking for the liquor men said:

"The liquor men of Hawaii are quite willing to have submitted to the people, in a legal way, the question of whether we shall have prohibition or not. But the measure presented to congress, which provided for a plebiscite by petition, was a fool proposition."

"While in Washington last, I myself drew up a bill to be introduced in congress, under the terms of which the legislature of this Territory would have been authorized to enact prohibition, or refer a decision to a plebiscite."

"Kuhio was inclined to favor the latter alternative, but Dr. Wadman refused to withdraw his plebiscite-by-petition bill. If he had consented, congress undoubtedly would have gone ahead, and this legislature today would not be plagued with doubts whether it has power to enact prohibition or no power."

The letter from the saloon men is as follows:

"In view of certain statements appearing in the public press concerning the attitude of the dealers in liquor and the saloon keepers in Honolulu, it has seemed advisable to some of us engaged in the business to discuss among ourselves the question of the traffic in liquor during the present war."

"It is not admitted for a moment that drunkenness, if it does exist in Honolulu, is due wholly to the saloons, nor that keeping the saloons open until a late hour is wholly responsible for such drunkenness as may exist. Nor is it admitted that traffic in intoxicating liquors constitutes at the present time a menace to the Territory. As a matter of fact, few drunken people are found in saloons or in licensed places where intoxicating liquors are sold."

"But the undersigned licensed dealers in intoxicating liquors in Honolulu are ready to meet any situation which is deemed or considered an emergency. We are not to be outdone in patriotism by any other set of business men. Notwithstanding the fact that under our licenses we are authorized to keep our places open until much later hours, yet should your board so decide whole-sale houses and breweries will close at five o'clock, and saloons at seven o'clock, and no intoxicating liquors will be sold by hotels or restaurants represented by us after eight o'clock during the continuance of the war."

"We will go a step further and say that even though your board has no power to make any such regulations, yet if they are adopted, we will do all in our power to have them carried out, both in letter and in spirit. Further than that, should your members at any time find that drunkenness, if it does exist at present, is not lessened by the additional regulations, then we shall do all in our power to assist you in the ascertainment of the reasons therefor."

"In short, gentlemen, the dealers in liquor in Honolulu are ready, willing and anxious, during the continuance of

the war, to do everything to assist the United States of America.

"Very respectfully,  
"Committee representing the Breweries, Wholesalers, Hotels and Restaurants: (Sgd.) St. C. Sayre, (Sgd.) George J. O'Neill."

"The following have consented to the above: The Honolulu Brewing & Malting Co., Rainier Beer Agency; W. C. Peacock & Co.; Looejoy & Co.; Gon-salves & Co.; Rosa & Co.; Kwong Yuen Hing Co.; Chun Ming; Kwong Chung Lung Co.; Wing Chung Lung Co.; Hop Hing Co.; Wing Wo Tai Co.; W. G. Smith; T. S. Smith & Co.; S. Kimura & Co.; Wai-lun Wine Co.; Heine's Tavern; (f); Enion Grill; Honolulu Chop Suey House; Mrs. Klemme."

"Committee representing the Saloons: (Sgd.) Manuel Andrade, (Sgd.) P. F. Ryan, (Sgd.) W. C. Peacock; Criterion; Fashion; Ryan's Bar; Union; Royal Annex; Anchor; Pacific; Encore; Pantheon; Kanehahoa; Co-kett; Hanalei; Progress; Prost; Ala, Service; Mint; Imperial; Sunrise; Merchants Exchange; and Kilohana."

"The commission may decline to be stampeded. In a statement yesterday, F. D. Lowrey, a member, pointed out that the commission had no right to stop liquor importations and had no control over the clubs, which he considered necessary before the saloons' proposal could be equitably carried out."

Mr. Lowrey said:  
"The people of Hawaii through their representatives in the legislature determined on the policy of regulating and licensing the liquor business. The various boards of liquor license commissioners appointed by the Governor for the different counties are bound to carry out the law as it stands and no one can question that the basic principle of the law is regulation. Under this law the license commission has very broad discretion and very arbitrary power. A license may be revoked or suspended for a number of specified causes or 'for any reason deemed sufficient by the board,' and there is no appeal from the board to the courts. Thus the board can revoke or suspend any license and similarly the board can doubtless as an emergency measure suspend all licenses issued by it. As an example of the latter situation we may suppose that there are riots in the city in which the closing of licensed premises might be considered a necessary step in the restoration of order."

**No Emergency Matter**

"But the proposition now before us, that of suspending or not renewing all licenses, while it is in one sense an emergency matter, is not a temporary matter. It means a definite change in policy for a period of we know not how many months. Under the circumstances I feel that it will be showing only due deference to the legislature to submit the matter to them, all the more as they are now in session and there need be no delay."

"There is a further angle to the matter and that is the sale of liquor by the various social clubs. It is not fair to the poorer classes (or at least will not be thought so) to close the saloons and leave the clubs open with practically no supervision. For the license commission has no authority over clubs and the territorial treasurer has no force or authority to supervise them."

"The license commission cannot cut off the importation of liquor. If the purpose of this move is the suppression of liquor, the stopping of importation is well nigh as important as the sale in the city and in the Territory."

"Here again it is a matter for the legislature to handle. Personally I have no doubt the legislature will act in the matter as the members judge best for the city and the Territory."

**Industrial Offer**

The offer of the liquor dealers was made following a conference of a few of the most influential of them at the offices of Peacock & Co., held yesterday morning. P. F. Ryan, one of those who attended the conference, stated that after the policy had been decided upon, those who outlined it visited the various saloons and placed the matter before the proprietors, all of whom agreed to it."

"We think that our offer solves the problem and ought to satisfy the military authorities," said Mr. Ryan. "It is a well known fact that few soldiers are to be found in any of the saloons during the day-time. If we close at seven o'clock, it cannot be said that any drunkenness that may occur is the fault of the saloons."

"And I am not saying that there will be no drunkenness. In fact, I am convinced that there will be more of it, for the early closing of the saloons will give the blind pigs a chance to flourish, and they will take full advantage of it. But that will be a matter for somebody else to handle. It is not up to the licensed liquor dealers."

Ryan added that it had been agreed that the brewery had agreed not to make any deliveries after five o'clock in the afternoon, though under the law it is required to make deliveries up to eleven o'clock at night in case it is called upon by any of the saloon keepers."

"We have shown ourselves ready to go half way," said Ryan, "and it seems to me that that ought to be considered satisfactory."

**WOULD REDUCE OUTSIDE  
COUNTY LICENSE FEES**

Representative Lyman yesterday introduced a measure, H. B. 114, providing that Section 2087 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii 1915, which now makes the annual fee for carrying on a stock and share business one hundred dollars anywhere in the Territory, be amended so that the fee in the City and County of Honolulu be that amount minus any other portion of the Territory not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

**UKULELE IN DEMAND**

The demand for the ukulele is so strong that the music stores of Washington have difficulty in keeping the instruments in stock. The ukulele appears to be the vogue in all circles, official, congressional and residential, according to reports from the capital.

## Live Sporting News

### ALEXANDER TRULY WONDER PITCHER; MATTY IS HIGH UP

Phillies' Star Twirler Is Champion  
of Both Big  
Leagues

Grover Cleveland Alexander, the wonder pitcher of the Phillies, leads all other twirlers in both the National and American Leagues in the percentage of games won among those who have stood on the firing line in fifty or more games. His percentage of victories for 1916 was 68.1.

Seven pitchers show the way to Alexander in winning percentage, but all seven have pitched in less than fifty games. Slim Love of the Yankees and Morissette of the Giants have never been beaten in their major league life, but the former has won only three games and the latter only two.

Ferdie Schupp of the Giants has the high percentage of .714 with ten games won and only four lost, while Shore and Ruth, who did so much to carry the Boston Red Sox to an American League pennant last year, have compiled averages of .697 and .694 respectively.

**Matty's Record Remarkable**

Christy Mathewson stands twelfth on the list with the really remarkable percentage of .663 over a long stretch of years. He has won 372 games and lost 189.

Eddie Plank, so-long with the Philadelphia Athletics, is not far behind Matty with a mark of .653, while Walter Johnson of the Washington Senators is, comparatively speaking, a long way behind with a percentage of .603.

Chief Meyers, long with the Giants and now with Brooklyn, and Lew McCarty, once with Brooklyn and now with the Giants, lead all catchers in batting over a stretch of years in both the National League and the American League.

Meyers shows the way with a percentage of .297, while McCarty follows with a mark of .272.

Walter Holke of the Giants heads the first basemen in his one-half season under the big tent, but Stuffy McInnis of the Philadelphia Athletics and Jake Daubert of Brooklyn are the real leaders with .215 and .210, respectively, over stretch of years.

**Americans Bat Hardest**

Outfielders in the American League have proved themselves harder and more consistent hitters over a stretch of years than outfielders in the National League.

This statement is borne out by a study of the composite records of players during their full service under the big tent. Eight of the ten outfielders who lead in batting play on teams in the American League.

Zach Wheat of Brooklyn and Sherwood Magee of the Boston Braves are the only two National League players in the first ten. Davey Robertson of the New York Giants stands eleventh on the list.

**Cobb Leads 'Em All**  
As practically every baseball fan knows, Ty Cobb of the Detroit Tigers leads all the rest with the remarkable percentage of .369 for 1549 games.

Then follows Joe Jackson, now of the Chicago White Sox; Tris Speaker, now of the Cleveland Indians, and Sam Crawford of Detroit, in the order named. These four great hitters are the only outfielders who have maintained an average of .300 or better during their major league life.

Sam Crawford is the oldest in point of service. He has set up a mark of 311 in 2461 games, which gives him high rank among the greatest hitters of all time.

**Given Royal Welcome**  
The St. Louis party was given a royal welcome to the Valley Island.

In fact some were so much in love with Maui that they remained a little longer. They will be back just before St. Louis College opens for the new term, April 16.

Sunday evening a luau was given in honor of the party, and on the following evening a farewell dinner took place. Both affairs were held at the

### ST. LOUIS WINS TWO AND LOSES TWO AGAINST MAUI

Takes One Baseball and One  
Basketball Game; Drops  
Two Baseball

Having won one baseball and one basketball game and lost two baseball games, most of the men of the St. Louis teams returned from Maui to the Mauna Kea yesterday morning. Nine remained. Those who returned were: W. H. Miles, manager; Ah Keong, Pun Luke, Lai Sin, Chun Chew, Yoo Bun Hee, Ching San, Lam Wing, Bruhn, Abraham Keki, Smiles Vredenburg, and Dutey Vredenburg. Those who remained on Maui were: George Haneberg, Wid Afonso, Kurisaki, Markham, Hayelden, J. K. Lau, Rodriguez, Steadler and Gilliland.

The first baseball game, played Saturday, was won by the Maui All-Stars, 13 to 6. They won the Sunday game, 24 to 5, and lost the Monday game, 12 to 3. They won the basketball game Saturday evening, 33 to 8.

The Maui team played today to see its gallant warriors repeat their victory of yesterday, but what the Valley Islanders saw was in the nature of a nightmare, two hours and twenty minutes in duration.

**Home Team Poor**

The way the Saints played showed that they had thrown off their sea legs. The kind of ball dished up by the home team would have caused the ball park in Honolulu to be empty in five innings, but the Maui rosters gamely stood their ground until the slaughter was over.

George Haneberg, the St. Louis second sacker, put one over the Maui first baseman, one Pombo by name. Pombo had received the ball, but had not touched the sack. He was waiting for Haneberg to go to him, but Haneberg began running back and forth and the Maui first baseman, taking it for granted that Haneberg was out threw the ball around the infield, whereupon Haneberg proceeded and reached his base in safety. This caused a general laugh.

**Markham Goes Distance**  
Markham pitched the whole game for the Saints. He showed ten hits and two runs, walked four and struck out six.

The Maui pitchers were not so fortunate. Hansen allowed twenty-three hits and twenty-two runs in seven innings. He struck out four and walked five. Many of the hits were extra base ones and of these Kurisaki got two homers and Yoo Bun Hee one.

Cockett relieved Hansen in the last inning. The Saints got one hit and two runs off him. So many miscues were charged to the Maui team that the scorer failed to mention anything concerning errors in his score.

The Robinson brothers umpired the game well. Foster was behind the bat and Alvin on the bases.

**The Lineups:**  
St. Louis—Pun Luke, leftfield; Haneberg, second base; Kurisaki, catcher; Lai Sin, first base; Yoo Bun Hee, shortstop; Chun Chew, leftfield; King Tan, third base; Lam Wing, leftfield; Markham, pitcher.

Maui All-Stars—Cummings, shortstop; Silva, centerfield; Pombo, first base; De Rego, catcher; Rodriguez, third base; Ah Keong, leftfield; N. Cockett, second base and pitcher; H. Cockett, leftfield; Hansen, pitcher.

Innings pitched by Markham, 9; 41 at bat; 6 runs, 10 hits, Hansen, 7 innings, 49 at bat; 22 runs, 23 hits; Cockett, 1 inning, 6 at bat, 2 runs, 1 hit; Home runs, Kurisaki, 2; Yoo Bun Hee; Cockett; three base hits, Chun Chew, 2; Yoo Bun; two base hits, Markham, Pun Luke, Chun Chew; double plays, Cummings to Cockett to Pombo; struck out by Markham, 2; Hansen, 4; base on balls, Markham, 4; Hansen, 6; Cockett, 1; hit by pitcher, Keki, Pun Luke, Markham; passed balls, Kurisaki, Rego; Umpires, Robinson Brothers. Time, 2:20.

**WAILUKU, Maui, April 7**—Even though the Saints lost their first game of baseball to the Maui All-Stars, such was not the lot of the basketball players. They beat the Alexander House gymnasium team, 33 to 8.

**Saints Outplay Maui**  
The Saints outplayed and outshone their opponents; their work bringing down the house on many occasions. Time and time again the flashy playing of Lam Wing, the Saints' wiry forward was met with hearty applause. Shooting from any position to good advantage, Lam made twenty-nine points. The great work of the two Vredenburgs also attracted much attention. De Rego, commonly known throughout Maui as Hany, was the star of the Valley Islanders, making all the points for his team. He was very much in the line light, more particularly so because he is a cripple. One of De Rego's legs is strong but the other is withered. Despite this handicap he is considered one of Maui's best.

Clear and snappy play was impossible. Fast basketball games by men's teams are nearly impossible in the Alexander House gymnasium. The court is too small, and as it occupies the whole room, the ball usually comes in contact with the walls, which is permissible and not off side.

**Lead by Ten Points**  
In the first half the Saints led their opponents by ten points, eighteen to eight. Lam Wing made sixteen points for his team, and for his side De Rego scored eight, four on foul goals and two on field baskets.

It was about the same story in the final half. Lam Wing added to his team's score another thirteen points and two more by Pun Luke, who had substituted for Hayelden, gave the collegians thirty-three. The best the gymnasium could do in the last half was to score three more points which brought its tally to eleven.

**Lineup and summary:**  
St. Louis—Lam Wing, Rodriguez, forwards; Hayelden and Pun Luke, center; guards, Edmund and Ernest Vredenburg.

Alexander House—De Rego, Silva, forwards; Wilmington, center; Kahoonano, and Correa, guards.

Field goals—Lam Wing, 10; Rodriguez, 1; Pun Luke, 1; De Rego, 2; Foul goals, Lam Wing, 9; De Rego, 7. Townsley, referee, Townsley, umpire, Kong Lau and J. Reis, timers, Afonso and Steadler, scorers.

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### SEASON IS OPENED BY MAJOR LEAGUES IN EAST AND WEST

Old National Champions Defeat  
Present Champs; Matty's  
Reds Win

**NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING**

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Cincinnati	1	0	1.000
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000
St. Louis	0	1	.000
Brooklyn	0	1	.000
Pittsburgh	0	1	.000
New York	0	0	.000
Boston	0	0	.000

**AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDING**

	W.	L.	Pct.
Washington	1	0	1.000
Boston	1	0	1.000
Cleveland	1	0	1.000
Chicago	1	0	1.000
Philadelphia	0	1	.000
New York	0	1	.000
Detroit	0	1	.000
St. Louis	0	1	.000

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

**NEW YORK, April 11**—Opening of the National and American League pennant races today was marked by several features, including the upset of the "dope" in some cases, the results in several cities being surprises.

In New York the American League opening was featured by the martial atmosphere of the occasion, when Major-General Leonard Wood tossed out the first ball. Usually a high civil official performs this traditional ceremony but today, with "preparedness" in the air, it was a former chief of staff of the army.

In Boston, the scheduled game between the New York Giants and the Boston Braves was postponed on account of cold and snow.

In New York the Boston Red Sox had a runaway game with the Highlanders, winning 10 to 3. In Cincinnati, Christy Mathewson's Nationals won from St. Louis Cardinals, 3 to 1. The lowly Athletics were beaten 3 to 0 by Washington on Connie Mack's home grounds.

**YESTERDAY'S RESULTS**

**American League**

At Philadelphia—Washington 3, Philadelphia 0.

At New York—Boston 10, New York 3.

At Detroit—Cleveland 6, Detroit 4.

At St. Louis—Chicago 7, St. Louis 2.

**National League**

At Cincinnati—Cincinnati 3, St. Louis 1.

At Brooklyn—Philadelphia 6, Brooklyn 4.

At Chicago—Chicago 5, Pittsburgh 3.

At Boston—Boston-New York game postponed; snow.

### YOUNG SANTELL IS WINNER ON KAUAI

Bests Japanese in One Bout At  
Lihue; No Fall in the  
Other

Young Santell returned yesterday morning from Kauai, where he has been wrestling.

He had two bouts with the Japanese, Edozakura. One was indecisive. The other was won by Santell.

Santell didn't think much of the first bout. It was at Waimea, April 1, and was not to go to a fall at all. The men were to wrestle fifteen minutes, rest ten minutes and wrestle again for twenty minutes. This they did. Santell said that the Japanese played for time. He would not go in for a victory, and Santell was unable to pin him.

**Insists on a Fall**  
In the Lihue bout, April 7, Santell refused positively to wrestle as he did at Waimea, and the Japanese consented to go to a fall. Santell said that he threw the Japanese three times, but the first two times there was a roar from the house, which contained many Japanese, although Edozakura himself did not protest. The spectators said there had been no fall, but Santell said that they probably were unable to see it, because in one fall both shoulders were pinned for only a second.

**Left Arm Hurt**  
Santell finally got a fall to the satisfaction of all in fifty-five minutes with a headlock. His left arm was injured in the bout.

Edozakura came here only a few months ago. He is wrestling instructor at the Japanese high school. The two bouts were catch-as-can.

**BEAVERS BEATEN  
BY VERNON TEAM**

(Associated Press by U. S. N. Wireless)

San Francisco, April 12—Vernon, Los Angeles and San Francisco won in the Pacific Coast League yesterday. Portland got the worst drubbing.

The scores:

At Vernon—Vernon 7, Portland 1.

At Salt Lake—Los Angeles 7, Salt Lake 5.

At San Francisco—San Francisco 3, Oakland 2.

## NAVY OPERATING LOCAL WIRELESS

All Companies Consolidate Under  
the Control of Uncle Sam's  
Naval Officials

There is only one wireless company operating in Hawaii today. That is the United States Naval Wireless, which is a consolidation, under naval management of the three companies that formerly operated here, the Marconi, Federal and Mutual wireless companies.

Press and commercial messages are being accepted by the new consolidated company for transmission to the mainland and to Japan, but interisland communication commercially has not yet been reestablished. It is expected that it will be soon, however, possibly today. Ships at sea are now allowed to wireless in their position, the captain's name being used instead of that of the vessel.

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